

Personal Protection Through Safety Awareness



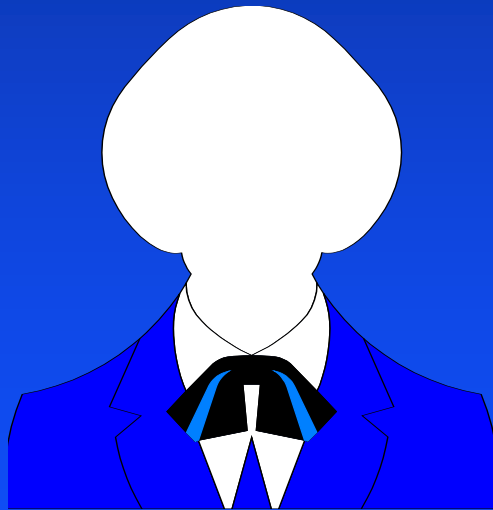
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Personal Safety Awareness

“I never thought it could happen to me”



U. S. Crime Clock

**One
Crime Index Offense
every 2 seconds**

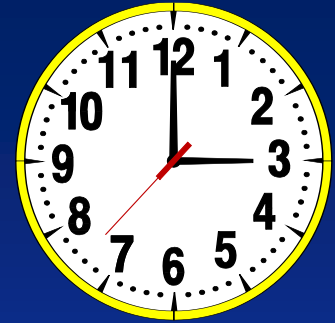


**One
PROPERTY CRIME
every 3 seconds**

***One
VIOLENT CRIME
every 18 seconds***

- One Larceny/Theft every 4 sec.
- One Burglary every 15 sec.
- One M.V. Theft every 25 sec.
- ***One Agg. Assault every 37 sec.***
- ***One Robbery every 1 min.***
- ***One Sexual Assault every 5 min.***
- ***One Murder every 33 minutes.***

Every 60 Minutes



- Domestic Violence – 67 Women are victimized by an intimate.
- Child Abuse/Neglect – 103 Children are abused or neglected.
- Identity Fraud – 1,062 people are victims of identity fraud.
- Stalking – 157 people are stalked.
- Drunk Driving – 2 alcohol related deaths occur.

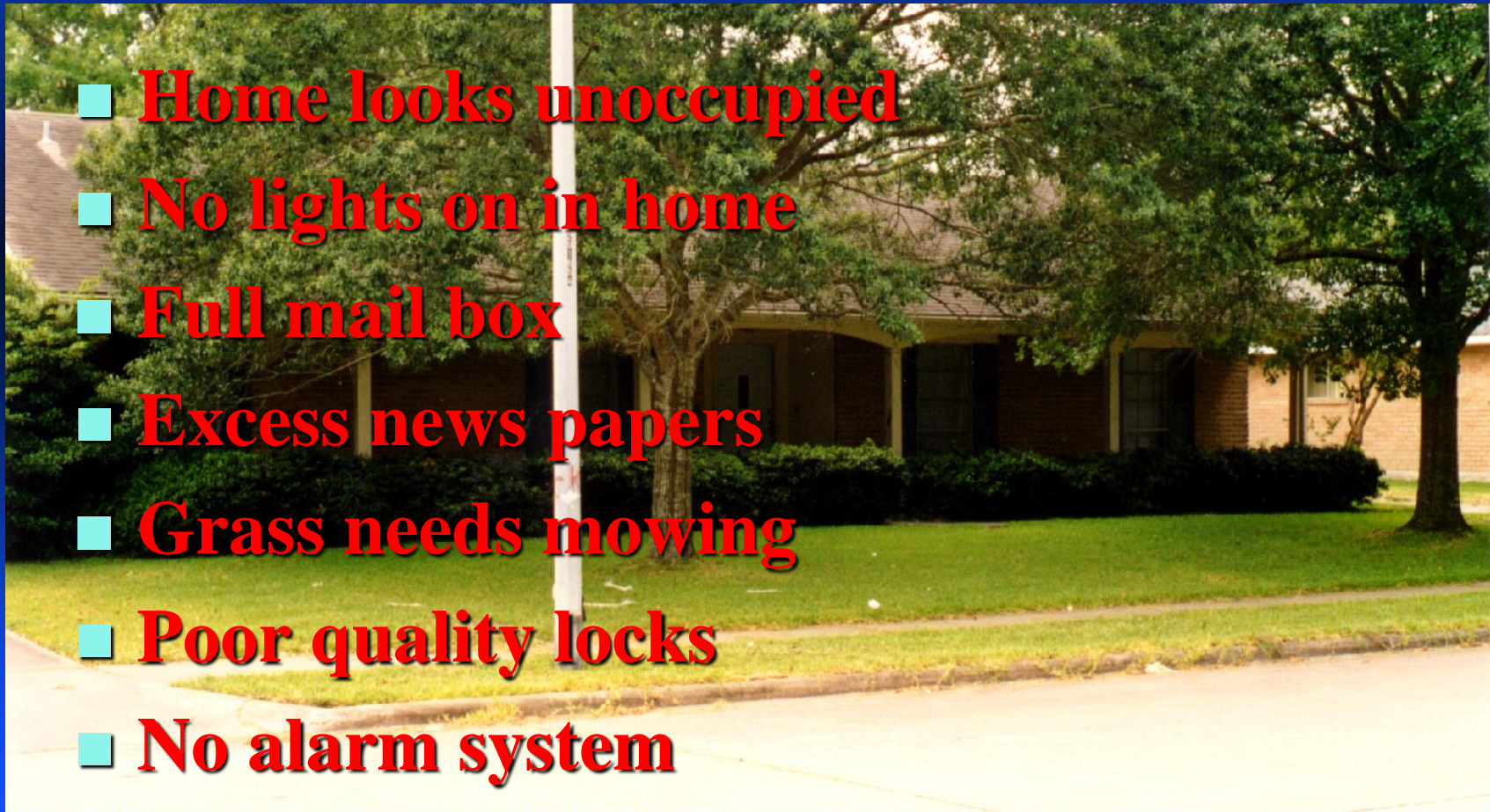
The First Step in Fighting Crime

***Be Aware of
What Can Happen to You,
&
Know What You Can Do
to Avoid It!***

Criminals Select Their Victims

Burglars choose particular homes because:

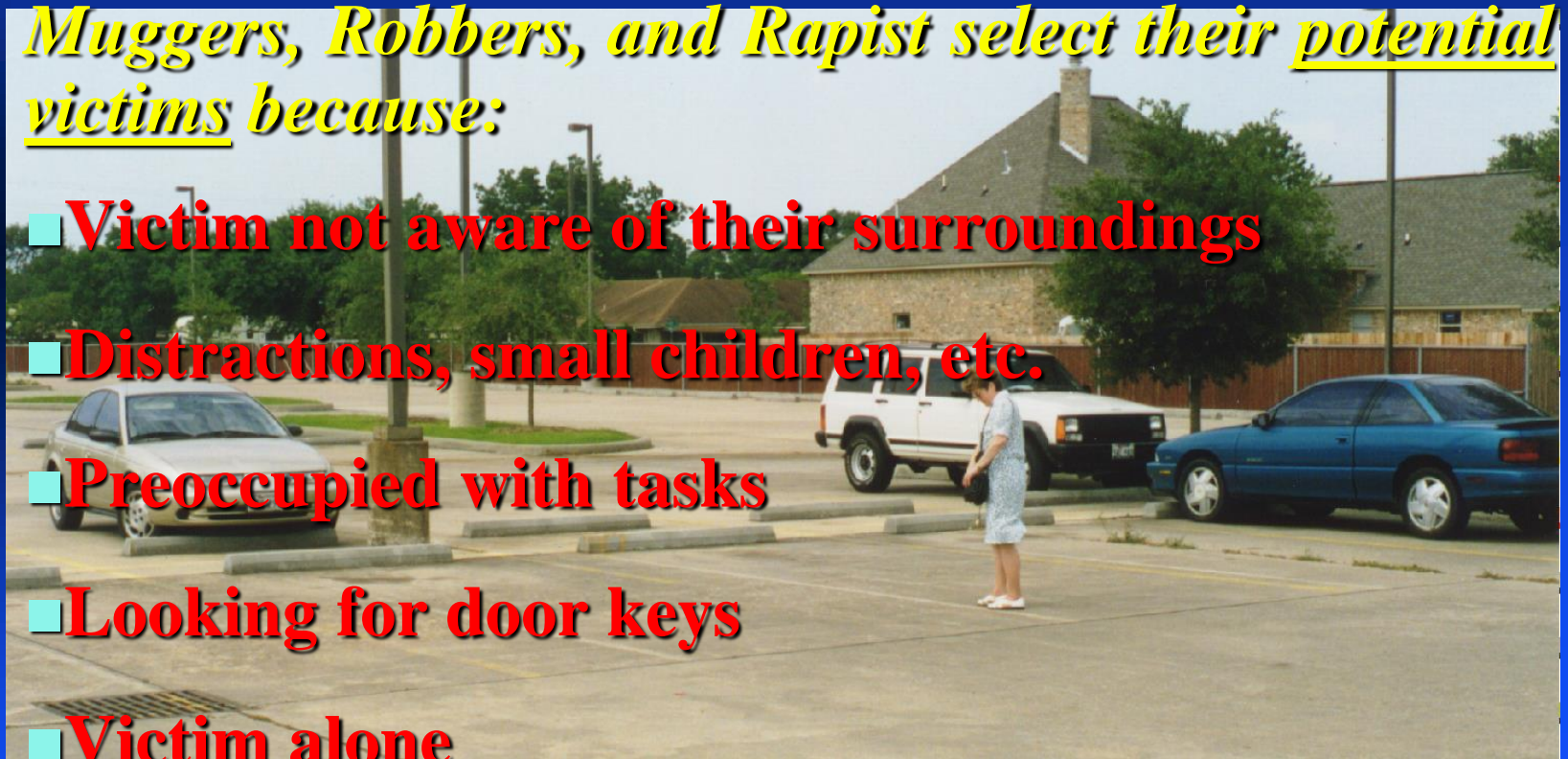
- Home looks unoccupied
- No lights on in home
- Full mail box
- Excess news papers
- Grass needs mowing
- Poor quality locks
- No alarm system



Criminals Select Their Victims

Muggers, Robbers, and Rapist select their potential victims because:

- Victim not aware of their surroundings
- Distractions, small children, etc.
- Preoccupied with tasks
- Looking for door keys
- Victim alone



The Best Defense Against Crime Is Prevention

*Be aware of your surroundings and
incorporate the following safety
techniques into your daily routine to
prevent being selected as a victim!*

Personal Safety At Home



When at Home

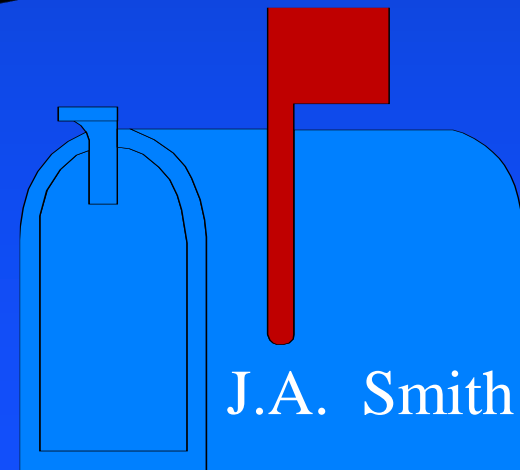
1. Women living alone should list *only* their last name and initials in the phone directory or mail box.

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Residence Pages

J. A. 609 Center281 486-0297

Karl	713 455-0913
J.	609 Center St.	281 486-0297
Jack	315 Green St.	281 755-5000
James	109 E. Shaw	281 221-9699
Mark	9945 Main	713 222-3939



When at Home

2. Lock your doors when you are at home, even during the day. Keep emergency numbers posted for easy access. ***USE 911!***



When at Home

3. Never open the door automatically when someone knocks. Ask the person to identify him or herself. Utilize a window or door viewer for getting identification.



When at Home

4.If a Utility Employee, Police or Fire Personnel requests entrance to your home, require I.D. and verify by calling the agency.



When at Home



5. If a stranger asks to use your phone, ***do not*** permit him to enter. Offer to make the call for him while he waits outside.
6. Never admit to a stranger that you or a neighbor are home alone.

When At Home

7. If a door or window is found forced open or broken while you are away, *do not enter* or call out. Leave quietly and use a neighbor's phone to call Police. Wait at the neighbors for the Police.



When at Home

8. Never hide a key over a door frame, in a flower pot or under a door mat.



When at Home

9. Light gives some protection. At night, leave a light on in more than one room. Use outdoor lights as well. Set a timer to automatically turn lights on if you will be returning home after dark.



When at Home

10. Secure all doors and windows against forced entry. Ask the Constable's Crime Prevention Officers to conduct a home security survey.

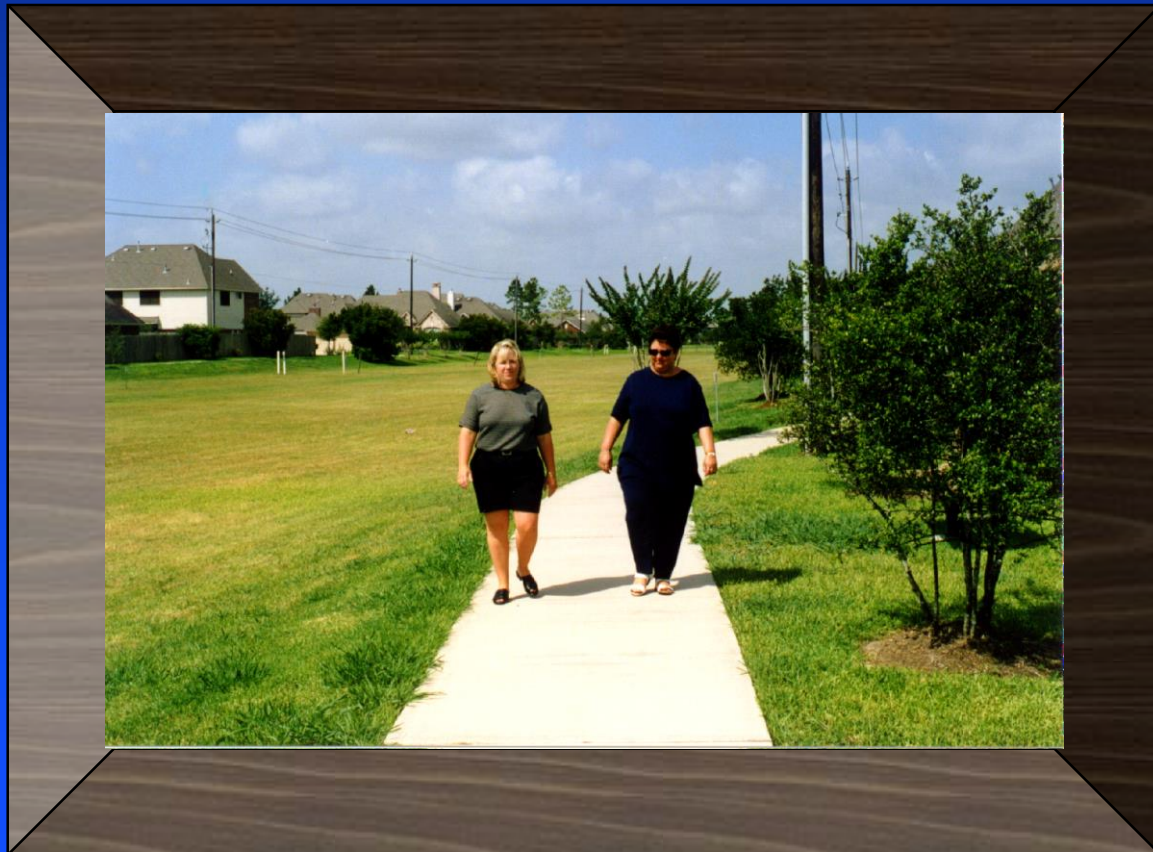


Personal Safety While Walking



While Walking

1. Avoid walking alone. Walk with someone or walk toward other people.



While Walking

2. If you are being followed or if someone suspicious is behind or ahead of you, cross the street or criss-cross the street repeatedly. Walk toward where there is light or other people. ***Don't be afraid to run!***



While Walking

Avoid

- Alleys
- Bushes
- Entry ways
- Shortcuts:



like Schoolyards or parking lots

While Walking

4. Maintain eye contact with strangers. Don't look down. **Don't Look Like A Victim!**
5. Keep a secure grip on your purse. Carry it under your arm. Never carry it loosely or with your arm entwined in the strap.
6. Do not hitchhike or ride with strangers, and do not stop to give directions to strangers even if they are well dressed.



While Walking

7. If you are harassed by the occupants of a car, avoid getting near the car, turn and walk the other direction.



While Walking

8. Know the area you are walking in. Know what businesses are open late in the evening. Watch for homes with lights on. If an attempt is made to attack you, run to these places.

While Walking

9. When you return home, have the door keys in hand so you can enter without delay.



While Walking

10. When arriving home by taxi or by a friend's auto, request the driver to wait until you are inside before leaving.



Personal Safety While Driving



While Driving

1. Have your car keys in hand before leaving a building, unlock the door and enter without delay. Never walk across a parking lot while searching for your keys.



While Driving

2.If you have a vehicle alarm with an automatic unlocking system, do not unlock the doors until you are in close proximity of the car.



While Driving

3. Look into the back seat before entering your car! Keep your car doors locked at all times.



While Driving

4. Make certain you have enough gas to complete the trip, and keep your car in good working order.



While Driving

5. Travel on well lighted, busy streets and avoid back roads and short cuts.



While Driving

6. Always park in areas that will be well lighted when you return.



While Driving

7. Never pick up hitchhikers. *Never get into a strangers car!*



While Driving

8. Women driving alone should never stop to aid a stranger in a stalled car. Drive to the nearest open business or call to report the stalled vehicle to the police.

281-488-4040

While Driving

9.If you are being followed, drive to the nearest ***Police Station, Fire Station, or open business*** for help.



While Driving

10. If you have car trouble:

- Raise the hood, then stay in car and lock doors.
- Display *Send Help/Send Police* sign;



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